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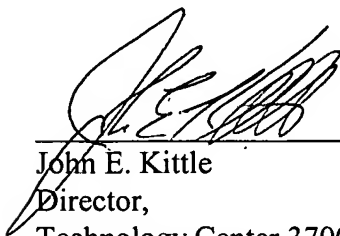
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| In re Application of                    | : |                      |
| William C. Johnson                      | : | DECISION ON PETITION |
| Serial No.: 10/061,378                  | : |                      |
| Filed: February 1, 2002                 | : |                      |
| For: Non-lethal Gas Apparatus to Thwart | : |                      |
| Hijackers                               | : |                      |

This is in response to applicants' petition filed March 6, 2002 to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(c), based on applicant's health.

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, IV. Therefore the petition is **GRANTED**.

**The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.**

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact John Kittle by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 3700/2900, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-0873 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 308-3139.

  
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